

\$110,000 Available in NYS Access to Home Funds to Help Town Residents Adapt Homes for Persons with Disabilities

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Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Ed Romaine announced today that the Town has \$110,000 available from the New York State Access to Funds program which provides financial assistance for home adaptation to meet the needs of persons with disabilities. The funding will be used to help pay for work that includes wheel chair ramps and lifts, handrails, easy-to-reach kitchen work and storage areas, lever handles and doors, roll-in showers with grab bars and more.

"So many of our disabled residents live without the conveniences that can make their lives easier and more productive because of financial restrictions," said Supervisor Romaine. "I commend Housing and Human Services Commissioner Diana Weir for taking the steps that made these funds available. Something as simple as handrails can make a big difference and improve the quality of life for a disabled or elderly person."

Homeowners who qualify for loan assistance must be either physically disabled or have age related disabilities. Their dwelling must be a permanent residence and their income cannot exceed 80% of the area median income or 120% of the area median income for veterans with a service related disability. The 0% interest loans can be for up to 100% of the total cost to a maximum of \$25,000.

For more information, visit www.brookhaven.org or call the Brookhaven Town Department of Housing and Human Services at 631-451-6600.

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